(d) The banks have been instructed to gear up the vigilence machinery in the organisation and to improve proedures and systems so that fraud can be prevented. Accordingly, the banks are taking steps to strengthen control mechanisms and to improve management information systems as also effective follow-up action. Clearance of arrear in balancing of books and in reconciliation of interbranch and other accounts are aso being undertaken on a continuous basis. Information is also circulated by Reserve Bank of India to banks to adopt necessary safeguards. Books instructions are also circulated by bank amongst their staff indicating precautions/checks which should be observed to prevent occurrence of frauds.

Industries in the private sector

656. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industries in the private sector have been helped with finances by the national financial institutions to augment their production level and that the input of money constitues as high as 66 per cent as compared to the financial institutions to augment their production level and that the input of money constitutes as high as 66 per cent as compared to the financial asistances given by the financial institutions to the other sectors;

(b) if not, the percentage of investment made by the institutions to the private sector during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether these investments generated good results and earned foreign exchange through exports and augmented the quantum of exports or offered better employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, what are the details under each category mentioned above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that assistance disbursed by the all-India institutions namely IDBI, IFCI, ICICI, LIC, GIC and UTI to the private sector is over 68 per cent of their total disbursements during each of the last 3 years. These institutions consider applications for projects in different sectors, on merits.

(c) and (d) The projects assisted by institutions generate employment directly as well as indirectly and contribute to he nation's export effort, depending upon their potential. The IDBI has reported that the employment expected to be generated by the projects assisted under the Direct Finance Schemes of IDBI, IFCI and ICICI, during the past 3 years is as under:—

Year (April-March)	Number
1983-84	77,841
1984-85	78,060
1985-86	89,124

Raids conducted by the excise department in Gujarat

657. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids that were conducted by the Excise Department in Gujarat during the last three years on the basis of information from private informants;

(b) the amount of evasion of excise duty detected during these raids;

(c) the amount of additional excise and penalty that was received after these raids; and

(d) the amount of money given as reward to the informants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Year	No. of searches conducted on the basis of information from private informants.	Amount of Evasion detected in in searches	Amount of duty and penalty collected from these searches	Rewards given to informants
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1984	7	5954936	188846	16600
1985	15	16337611	4285847	1,91,000
1986	23	32874120	7410791	1,45'55

NOTE – Out of the 23 searches conducted in 1986, in respect of 5 searches the matter is still under investigation and the amount of duty evaded is yet to be quantified.

Loans advanced by Nationalised banks

658. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the loans amounting to Rs. 5 lakh and above which have been advanced by the nationaised banks in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the names addresses of the firms/individuals/ companies which have been given loans as well as the amount of loan advanced by nationalised banks during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The present data reporting system from banks does not generate information in the manner asked for.

(b) In view of the very large number of borrowers involved and in accordance with the practices and usages customary among the bankers as well as in conformity with the provisions of the statutes governing public sector banks, information relating to individual constituents of banks cannot be divulged.

Development of electricity generation machine by a BARC scientist

659. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a sciensist Shri Parmahansa Tewari of the BARC has developed a machine that extracts electricity from empty space; and

(b) whether Government propose to conduct any further study in this matter so that energy shortage is reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) We have seen reports that at a Seminar in West Germany, Shri Paramhansa Tewari an engineer of the Department of Atomic Energy demonstrated a machine that claims to produce power from empty space. Although the theory conflicts with currently estabilshed laws of physics, certain experiments using unconventional ideas are being carried out around the world.